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1. The Debrecen airfield was recently enlarged and is now 4,500 by 2,000 m. It is bordered on the west by the Debrecen-Marcag railroad. On the south the ground is open, consisting of fields with a few ruined farmhouses. On the north the border is one of the Debrecen suburbs. On the east it is bordered by the Debrecen-Berettyóujfalu road.
2. The ground is hard sand, not drained. During heavy rainfalls jet planes can only start from a concrete runway. The prevailing wind direction is north-south. There is an obstacle at the west side of the field in the form of a 50 m smokestack.
3. Buildings at the field are: a guardhouse; a three-story command building, 20 by 50 m; three three-story barracks, each 20 by 40 m; two two-story buildings, 15 by 25 m, one holding the radio, goniometric and telephone installations, the other the movie, meeting hall and kitchen; two-story buildings, 15 by 30 m; four large concrete hangars, each 25 by 80 m, with corrugated iron roofs; two small hangars, 25 by 45 m; two repair shops, each 15 by 35 m; a wooden building for oil storage. No radar station has been observed.
4. The gasoline storage consists of three underground tanks with a capacity of 25 tons of fuel. There is a railroad spur to this storage area. Munitions are stored in a wood east of the airfield.
5. The runway is 100 by 3,000 m, bordered by red signal lamps; there are facilities for night flying. At the four corners of the field are powerful red signal lamps which are lighted at night.

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6. There is a concrete apron in front of the hangars and a concrete runway to the repair shops.
7. From the northwest corner of the field a concrete road joins the Berettyóújfalú-Debrecen highway.
8. The field is occupied by mixed Soviet and Hungarian formations, including a Soviet jet fighter squadron of 270 to 280 men, with 18 to 20 MIG-15s, a Hungarian flyers' school with 140 to 150 men, and 12 or 14 training machines of various types, and a Massovlet office.

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